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L O N D O N:

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Observations on Men and Things.

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An Account of the vast Number of Foreigners Yearly Imported. How *Wales* sends more Footmen than *Gentlemen* to *London*. A Reason for the Streets and Highways in the City and Liberty of *Westminster* being kept in no better Repair. A Description of the Coffee-Houses about *Whitehall*. A merry Dissertation upon News-Papers, Authors, Printers, and Publishers. An entertaining Description of *St. James's Park*; how the Horse-Guards are worse Soldiers and better Subjects than the Foot-Guards. A remarkable Controversy between a *Bawd* and a *Sodomite*, on one of the Seats near *Buckingham-House*. Of a Person of Quality's Cloaths fold off his Back in the *Mall* by his Valet de

Chambre. New Votes, Schemes and Designs of the *Irish Society* of Fortune-hunters. An Account of the *Exeter-Change* Beauties, the *Undertaker's Club-Feast*, the Method of their obtaining and managing Funerals; and of a Miser's bequeathing his Body to the *Royal Society* to save the Expences of Interment. A Description of the *Fleet-street* Coffee-Houses, *Temple Beaus*, Prison of *Newgate*, *Ludgate-hill*, *Black-fryers*, and *St. Paul's Cathedral*.

An Account of the surprizing Revolution at the Theatre in the *Hay-Market*, and the wonderful happy Deliverance of these Nations from *Papish Italian Songs*, and Common Sense. By *Jack G--y*, *Tom W--lk--r*, and *Moll Fent--n*.

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LONDON, like the Ocean, that receives the muddy and dirty Brooks, as well as the clear and rapid Rivers, swallows up all the Scum and Filth, not only of our own, but of other Countries: Waggon, Coaches and Car-rivans; Pack-Horses, Ships, and wooden Shoes; *French, German, and Italian tatter'd Garments,* being continually emptying and discharging themselves into this grand Reservoir, or common-Sewer of the World. Here the Foreigner finds Food and Footing, grows Great, forgets his Nakedness, and insults the Natives: 'Tis

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here the wearied Plowmen find rest, first become Servants, next Masters, and then Gentlemen: 'Tis here the distress'd Country Wench discharges her *Burthen*, gets into Place, marries her Master, and becomes an Alderman's Lady, or Shopkeeper's Wife.

Italy and *France* supply this Town with *Catcalls* and *Valet de Chambres*; while *Scotland* and *Ireland* furnish their annual Quota's, the Former, of *Quacks*, *Beggars*, and *Pedlars*; and the Latter, of *Robbers*, *Bullies*, and *Evidences*. But whoever will lend an impartial Ear, or Eye on a *Court-Day*, or *Opera-Night*, will find that the Principality of *Wales* has pour'd more *Coachmen*, *Chairmen*, *Footmen*, and other servile People into *London*, than all the Countries and Neighbouring Nations besides. The *Gentlemen* of the antient Houses of *Jenkins*, *Jones*, *Davies*, *Morris*, *Morgan*, *Price*, *Griffith*, *Lewis*, &c. every where adorning the *Posteriors* of the Coaches of our Nobility and Gentry; and this Character of them generally holds pretty true, viz. That they are a People of some *Probity*, great *Ebriety* and *Volubility*.

THE *Germans* indeed of late Years have endeavour'd to infringe upon them, by importing large Numbers of Slaves of their Growth into *London*, who from Lazyness and Lice, some have got themselves into lac'd Liveries, and good Places, and had begun to elbow out the *Welch*, but that Commerce being likely to suffer



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a Prohibition, the *Britons* are not without Hopes of recovering the full Enjoyment of their Ancient *Rights* and *Priviledges*.

THAT I may be regular in my Complaints of all publick and private Nufances, I shall exhibit a Bill against the Streets and Highways in the City and Liberty of *Westminster*: Every Avenue is guarded by a Turnpike, whereby large Sums of Money are annually rais'd for their Repair; and the Inhabitants are not without Apprehensions of seeing Turnpikes upon the *Thames* in another Year; yet the Streets and Passages leading to both Houses of Parliament are in such great Disorder, that I have known some Members who have pass'd thither in their Coaches, so toss'd and jumbled about, that it has been near an Hour e'er they could recover the Use of their Limbs, and proceed to Business. A *Commoner* once being overturn'd in his Chariot in *King's-Street*, went immediately to the *House*, and in very lively Terms remonstrated against the Badness of the Ways, setting forth the pernicious Consequences that might attend their not being speedily repair'd, and mov'd for a Bill to be brought in accordingly: Another Member oppos'd the Motion with much Warmth, urging amongst other Reasons, that as the *Publick Companies* for raising the *Thames* Water were continually laying down their *Pipes*, or amending them, such a Bill would prove to little or no purpose;

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to which, the first Member in as great Heat, reply'd, *Then if the Water Companies Pipe, the Members of both Houses must Dance.*

A SHOWER of Rain chased me one Day into a Coffee-House, near *Charing-Cross*, where I observ'd a good Number of thick-leg'd, and broad-shoulder'd Fellows tollerably well dress'd, cursing themselves, and every Body else, at a most extravagant Rate: One was asking if such a *Lord* had not been there to enquire for him; another cursing his Taylor, for delaying his *Mourning Suit*; a Third praying for the Arrival of the *India Fleet*; while others sat railing at the Wind, for not handing their *Bills* from a Neighbouring-Nation; and some d--ning the *Red letter'd Day*, because the *Bankers* transacted no Business upon it. These Circumstances induc'd me to believe them to be People of no small Importance, and rais'd a Curiosity in me to enquire their Characters and Businesses: The *Lady* at the Bar, to whom I address'd myself for Information, gave me an Account that some of them were *Gentlemen of the Army*, without Commissions, whose Eyes had ne'er seen a Campaign, nor Hands drawn a Sword in Wrath, but were by the Courtesy of the Coffee-House, called *Majors, Captains, &c.* that others were *Merchants*, without Effects; *Landed-men*, without Estates; and *Students*, that could hardly read; and concluded with this paradoxical Character of them, that yet most of them liv'd

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upon what they *HAD*, which she cared not to explain to me. I call'd for Pen, Ink, and Paper, with design to have wrote some Remarks on the Customs and Manners of these strange People, but observing a Fellow looking very freely over my Shoulder all the Time, I chang'd my Design into a *Pillet*, for a Gentleman in the Neighbourhood; and finding my Pen still closely beleaguer'd with the Man's Eyes, concluded my Epistle, as follows: " *I have a great deal more to say to you, but must desist at present, because I am writing in a publick Room, where a tall, flat-nos'd Scoundrel is peeping over me, and watching every Syllable*". The Fellow falling into a terrible Passion, cry'd *Era D—mn you for a lying Villain, I don't see a Word of your Scribble*; and so ran away out of the House.

HAVING discharg'd the Duty of my Office, by remarking every thing worthy of Notice here, I took leave of the Company, and pass'd on towards the *Strand*, but was soon stop'd by the Sign of a Publick *News-Paper*, underneath which, was an Inscription denoting that the Labours of the *Learned* Authors and Carvers of News were retail'd here, at very reasonable Rates: Generous Men! who daily vend their Histories and their Parts by Pennyworths, and lodge high, and study nightly, for the Instruction of such as have the Christian Charity to lay out a few Farthings for these their Works,

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Works, which like Rain, descend from the Clouds, for the Benefit of the lower World. I enter'd this *Three-half-Penny-Library*, amidst various Kinds of Politicians, who were exercising their Chaps and Spectacles over the several *Papers*; in one Corner stood a Poet, and in another a Parson, who, I observ'd, went forth edify'd, without paying the usual *Fee*; being (as I was afterwards inform'd) admitted like a poor Whore at a Play, or an Author at a Nobleman's Table, in *Forma Pauperis*; while Numbers of bedridden Ladies and Gentlemen were continually sending hither their Servants for *Intelligence*, each leaving the full Value of every Paper, as a Hostage for the safe Return of it. As many of our Papers are charg'd with some Faults, I shall make bold to mention a few of them, and they are chiefly these; *Tediousness*, *Uncertainty*, and *Tautology*, and as to the filling them with *Trifles* and *Absurdities*, the Instances of it are obvious and numerous, *Viz.*

1st, "We hear, that a Charter is preparing to pass the Seals for the *Worshipful Company of Fry-ing-Pan Makers*, against next Shrove-tide.

2d, "Tis said, the *East-India Company* are about purchasing the *City Monument*, to send over to *China*, as a Present to the Great Mogul, for a *Tobacco Stopper*.

3d, "Tis confidently asserted, that a certain noted *Quaker* of this City, eminently skill'd in
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" *Heraldry, will be made Garter King of Arms, in the Place of Mr. A—s.*

4th, " *WE hear, that a Centinel of the Army is to be tried to Morrow by a Regimental Court-Martial for Blasphemy.*

5th, " *ON Monday last one Mr. Sedulous, a Student in Grays-Inn, being disorder'd in his Senses, threw himself out at a Cellar Window three Stories from the Ground, whereby his Brains were dash'd out, and he instantly died.*

6th, " *WE hear that about Christmas the Grocers of the City of London, and Suburbs thereof, will be taken up with divers weighty Affairs.*

7thly, " *By our private Letters from Spain we are told, that a Spanish Lady of Youth and great Beauty, has poison'd her self for Love of the Lord North and Grey. Those Letters add, that the Duke of Wh—ton is constituted Corn-cutter in ordinary to her Catholick Majesty; and that the late Duke of Orm—nd had been seen to shake Hands with an Irish Officer at Madrid, who had lost both his Arms in the Siege of Gibraltar".* Nay, 'tis but t'other Day, when one of our first Papers publish'd, that a certain Countess had been brought to Bed of a Grand-daughter; and the Story being in Print, there went a vast Train of Men-Midwives and Ladies to the House, to be satisfied of the Truth of the Relation. We often

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often catch an Author fighting Battles and un-fighting them in the same Paper. The mention of Cannon and Gun-powder sets his daring Heart on Fire, and he seems even fonder of dipping his Pen in Blood than Ink. These *Daily* and *Weekly* Statesmen, with a Dash of their Art, can send a Man of Quality to his Grave, dispose of his Family, Fortune, and Employments, and in a Day or two after, recal him to Life again. A late Instance of this happen'd to Major Gen. *G--re* and Commissioner *Dr--ke*, who had the Pleasure to peep out of their *Graves*, and saw who were most forward in soliciting for their Employments. There are such Contrasts in the Business of Authors, Printers and Publishers, that to the rest of Mankind are amazing. If the Government chastises them for any Misdemeanor, it is accounted the greatest Blessing that can befall them; *Punishment* being a real *Benefit*, and *Confinement*, the boasted *Liberty* of the Press. A Book or Pamphlet order'd to be burnt by the Hands of the common Hangman, being the most agreeable News that can come to the Proprietors of the *Copy*; and I have been credibly inform'd, that if this Favour was to be purchas'd, there is not a Bookseller in *London*, but would give an handsome Sum to have all the Books in his Shop *Fir'd* in the same Manner. A Warrant now and then from the Secretaries

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cretaries Office, is a singular Advantage to a young Beginner ; a Book having many Times been brought to the *Ninth Edition*, by the Printer's only taking Coach with a Messenger to the *Cockpit*, when, perhaps, *six* single ones had not been sold fairly off, but for this Assistance. I remember a Pamphleteer in the late Reign, sentenc'd to a heavy Fine and Imprisonment, for treasonable Practices, when almost one half of the *Stationer's* Company went down to *Westminster* to give the Man Joy on the Occasion, and ask him, what County he design'd to purchase in. The *Pillory* is an Estate certain to any one, who will accept of the *Post* ; for the Sale of a Libel always rises in Proportion with the Sufferings of its Author. I knew a Printer who obtain'd a pretty tolerable Fortune, by only procuring a State Messenger, to call and take a Dinner with him, two or three Times a Month, at his House in the City ; and another who was every Day expected to be sent to Goal for Debt, that luckily chanc'd to be sent for to *Whitehall*, to receive a Reprimand ; the Thing prov'd the making of the Man, for he soon retriev'd his Affairs, and now lives in extraordinary good Circumstances. But now, alas, these *Golden Days* are over ! For since his present Majesty's happy and peaceful Accession to the Throne, with the universal Voice and Consent of his Subjects, the People seem to have no Taste for

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Treason ; Sedition sleeps, and Libelling is much laid aside ; for I observ'd in my Traverses through *Westminster*, this remarkable Inscription, over most of the *Messenger's Doors*, viz. *Here are to be let Lodgings ready Furnish'd.*

St. James's Park, is a Place which often takes up a great deal of my Time and Consideration : Upon the *Parade* is seen *Airs*, *Cockades*, *Oaths*, great *Blustering*, and little *Money*, and a perpetual Discourse of *War*, in Times of the greatest Calm and Serenity ; as confin'd Prisoners are ever pleasing themselves with the Hopes of Grace, tho' the Prospect of an Act is ever so remote and distant. Here Regiments of Horse, Foot and Dragoons, and the most formidable Armies are rais'd without Beat of Drum : Towns taken, Sieges rais'd, and Legions vanquish'd, and the Nation not put to the Expence of a Shilling. Notwithstanding I have all the Regard imaginable for the Officers and Gentlemen of the several Regiments of his Majesty's Foot-Guards, who are Men of approved Loyalty, Honour, and Probity, having upon all Occasions exerted themselves, as well at Home as Abroad, in the Service of their Country ; yet I cannot omit doing Justice to the Gentlemen of the Horse-Guards, who are universally allow'd to be a very useful Corps, and in my Opinion, Men of less *Sanguine*, and more *Pacifick* Tempers, and heartier in the true Interest of their Country, than the former : An
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Instance whereof was lately pretty manifest to the World; and that was the signal Rejoicings they made at *Whitehall*, upon the Arrival of the News of the King of *Spain's* having ratified the Preliminary Articles, for a general *Pacification*; when 'twas said, they set their great Horse-Pond and Cistern a running with Punch and Claret.

THE Beauty of the *Mall*, in the Summer Season, is almost past Description: What can be more glorious than to view the Body of the Nobility of our Three Kingdoms in so short a Compass; especially when freed from mix'd Crowds of Saucy Fops, and City Gentry; Pedants in Dress and Manners, who to an ingenious Eye, are as distinguishable as a *Judge* from his *Clerk*, or a *Madam* from her *Maid*, how closely soever they may ride together in a *Coach*: People of Quality's Mien and Behaviour being sufficient to discover them, without any great Dependance upon *Tailors* and *Manteau-makers*; those of real Rank carrying an Air of Dignity and Greatness in their Aspects. A Face well furnish'd out by Nature, and a little disciplin'd, has a great deal of Rhetorick in it. A graceful Presence bespeaks Acceptance, gives a Force to Language, and helps to convince by Look and Posture. But every proud illiterate Coxcomb, who has acquir'd a Competency by sharpening, or shop-keeping, and such as have got but just above *par* in the World, and oftentimes those that

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are much below *it*, will extravagantly endeavour to mimick the *Great Ones*; yet, with all Aids whatsoever, they appear at best but like mean *Copies* of fine *Originals*. The *Ludgate-Hill Hobble*, the *Cheapside Swing*, the *City Jolt* and *Wriggle* in the *Gait*, being easily perceiv'd through all the *Arts*, these *Smarts*, and *Perts* put upon them; the finest Cloth of Linnen and Woolen, and the richest Lace being too thin disguises, not to be seen through by Persons of small Judgment in these flaming Comets. A Man may waddle into a Church, or a Coffee-House, make a Leg to an Alderman; Levee a Merchant in his Compting House, D--mn, Dress, Drink, and hum over an Opera Tune, and do all these things tolerably well, and be thought a well-bred Person, and make a graceful Figure about *Grace-Church-Street*: But at *St. James's* he shall not be able to pass *Musters*, but must be plac'd among the *awkward Men*, or else be return'd like a Counterfeit Guinea, that won't go. I have known that neither a *Remove* to the most polish'd Part of *St. James's*, from *Cornhill* or *Leaden Hall*, nor a compleat *Plumb*, nay, nor even the Mirror of *Knighthood* it self, to be able to erase the Impressions that a *Counter*, a *Leathern-Apron*, or a *Livery*, has left upon a Man's Manners. Though such a Deference do the People in some of the dark Corners of the Kingdom pay to Dress and Appearance, that I heard of a Man
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who was only a Helper in the Royal Stables at St. *James's*, that went down to the Place of his Nativity, in *South-Wales*, in an old *Scarlet* colour'd Coat with a little tarnish'd Lace upon it, and was met at some Miles distant from the Town, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgeſſes, in their Formalities. Nor can any be ignorant of the Story of an Arch Fellow, who in the Habit of a Yeoman of the Guard, impos'd himself upon the Town of *Froome* in *Somersetshire*, for the unfortunate *Sophy* of *Perſia*, driven abroad by his rebellious Subjects, and thereby cheated the People of Three Thousand Pounds and upwards; the ill Effects of which Imposture, I am told, are felt by that unhappy Corporation to this very Hour. Let Persons of Condition strive rather to be richer in their Disposition, than the rude Vulgar; let them put on a better Humour, wear a finer Understanding, and shew a more shining Fortitude; let them appear remarkably Just, Inoffensive and Obliging. This is the best way of distinguishing by the Qualities of the Mind. This is the way to be nobly popular; and gives them the Hearts, as well as the Ceremony of their Inferiors.

AFTER these Observations and Reflections, I sat me down on one of the Benches, where I perceiv'd an impudent *Valet de Chambre*, selling his Master's Cloaths, while he was walking with them on his Back, in the *Mall*; six *Monmouth-Street*

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Street Sales-Men being bidding upon one another : As the Gentleman (who according to my Information, was a Major General) pass'd innocently to and fro in their View.

A *pale, livid* looking Fellow, who had sat silently by me a long while, at last began to accost me about the Weather, and the Times, and then proceeded to talk of what *Love and Affection* Men ought to bear to one another ; he complained grievously of the Lewdness of Women, and the Inconveniencies that the Male Sex too frequently brought themselves into, by a too free *Conversation* with them, and inveigh'd bitterly against some late *Proceedings* of the *Law* ; adding, if a speedy Stop was not put thereto, there would be an End of *Society* and *Fellowship* : He invited me to his Lodgings, and said a great many *soft* and kind Things to me. An elderly Gentlewoman who sat on my right Hand, in a *short Silk Cloak*, with a Number of *Patches* on a wrinkled Face, hearing this, fell upon the Man in a most unmerciful Manner, saying, It was along with such Villains as he, that she was so reduc'd in the World ; that Time had been when she could boast of as fine a Covey of sound, plump, and juicy Sluts in her House, as any Gentlewoman in *London*, and had kept Eighteen of as good Feather-Beds going, as a Brace of Fornicators need desire to regale their Limbs upon ; but that now, what with *China Shops, Hackney Coaches, Taverns*, and these en-
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dorſing Sons of B—ches together, it was as much as ſhe could do, to make both *Ends meet*; and ſolemnly declar'd that ſhe did not *foul* more than a dozen Pair of Sheets in a whole Week: This ſhe expreſs'd with Tears in her Eyes, and farther ſaid, ſhe had in her Cuſtody at that Inſtant a pretty black Ey'd *Filley*, of about *Fifteen*, who could carry the Weight of a *Lord*, and had never yet been *Back'd*, but that the Buſineſs had been ſo ſpoil'd of late by theſe *Practiſes*, ſhe doubted whether ſhe ſhould be able to make the Money that ſhe had coſt in fetching from *Lancaſhire*.

TOWARDS *Buckingham-Houſe*, I obſerv'd a great Concourſe of *Foreigners*, of almoſt all Nations, and Numbers of others very attentive to them; the Former I was inform'd were moſtly *Secretaries* to *Ambaſſadors* and *Envoys*, and the Latter ſome *true born Engliſh* Folks, who were learning the modern Languages from their Diſcourſes. I never yet met with an *Italian* Tumbler, a *German* Mountebank, or a *French* Razor-maker, who did not ſtile himſelf *Secretary* to ſome or other of the Foreign Miniſters; ſo that I have known a *Reſident* who has not had above Four Perſons in his Retinue, have about Three Hundred of theſe Sort of *Secretaries* in his Service at a Time. I was once invited to an *Envoy's* Houſe at *St. James's*, by one of theſe *Gentlemen*, who entertain'd me in his Apartment adjoining
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to the *Kitchen*, over the Affairs of which, I soon found he presided, being *Secretary* and *Comptroller* of the *Cook's* Accompts; he had moreover, the *Favour* and *Protection* of his *Master*, in an especial Manner: His *Excellency* being a Gentleman of that gracious Disposition, that I heard he had besides, at that Time under his *Care* and *Protection*, within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, a far greater Number of *Souls*, than the *Prince* his *Master* had *Subjects* in his Dominions.

THE Punishments that Heaven has inflicted on an intemperate, debauch'd Life, are no where more manifested, than on the *Walk* call'd *Constitution-Hill*, in the *Upper-Park*: Here a Libidinous Lord, cramp'd in Motion, and tarnish'd in Colour, is seen limping between Two *Supporters*, plagu'd with impracticable Wishes; next, a *Publick-Spirited* Woman of *Fashion*, who has worn herself out in the *Service* of her Country, appears rewarded with a thin meagre Visage, and an intire Demolition of her Charms and Features: Then a Wretch with surly Looks, because that Nature has not altered her Course, and exempted him from the common Fate, wrangling with Diseases, that Penury and *Self-denial* have brought upon him. But the most tragical Scene that has been known upon this Spot, was, that one Day, when one of these *Dry Sticks of Human Nature*, whose Body had been so emaciated by *Purges*,
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Salivations, and such other *Evacuations*, that he was by a sudden Gust of Wind carried up into the Air, and never more heard of. To prevent which Accidents for the future, all our experienc'd Whore-Masters and Whore-Mistresses in the same *Circumstances*, fix themselves now in Chairs, and have Men standing by to watch them ; and others, such as poor Players and petty Clerks, in the Offices whose Salaries wont bear such Conveniences, have found out a Contrivance almost as good, and that is, to carry leaden Weights in their Pockets.

If we look back into the original State of many things, we shall be surpriz'd to find the Improvements they have undergone, and the Grandeur they have attain'd, from their first low Beginnings. Poetry took its Rise from *Hymns* and *Proverbial Sayings* ; the Majesty of *Tragic Heroes*, which of old was confin'd in Waggon, now vaunts at Ease, under stately Roofs. Who would imagine that the vain gaudy Creature WOMAN, that now triumphs over her Master MAN, was once his obsequious Hand-maid, and in her primitive Nakedness, was proud to administer to his Pleasures? No *Hoops* or *Stays* fenc'd her from his rough Embraces ; nor was she then taught to belie the strong Impulses of Nature, or esteem'd it Modesty or Virtue, to with-hold her Charms from the desiring Lover.

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COQUETRY was a much more modern Vice, introduc'd when Altars were rear'd to their Worship, and those coarse, homely Matrons were transformed into *Goddeffes*. Farewell the Charms of Innocency, and that lovely Simplicity, with which Nature had cloath'd them: These *Goddeffes* forget their pristine State of Dependency; long Services, Sighs, and Protestations, were now the only Means of making way to their Favours. Poets with florid Complements raised them to a Degree of Divinity, that the Gods often forsook the heavenly Mansions to be happy in their Arms, and were ingenious in contriving the Forms to court their Mistresses. 'Twas no wonder then, that these new-made Idols soon abandoned their *Fig Leaves*, and were trick'd up in all the various Colours their Fancies could invent: All that shin'd on *Shells* and *Rocks*, were brought from far: Half Nature laboured for the Embellishment of their Persons: The *Silk-worm* now spins, the *Sheep* bears its Fleece, and the *Leopard* its Skin, for this Favourite of the World. Is it easy to imagine that Wars and Distractions would arise from this extravagant Adoration, and Mankind be severely punished for offering up Sacrifice to a false Deity: For Women were framed subject to our Wills, the Property of our Desires; and the Drudgery of bearing Children, was impos'd on them by Nature. By gentle Degrees they refin'd to cuckold their Husbands,
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and asserted Sovereignty in Domesticks; for the Man's old *Charter*, to enjoy her, and abandon her at will, was forfeited; she was incorporated with him, and they were Fellow-sufferers in the Marriage Warfare. Even in those elder Times, they adhered so close to the rigid Notions of the matrimonial Bond, that many Nations were embroiled in a ten Years War, to bring back a Lady that had eloped with a youthful Adulterer. This I own to be the greatest Instance of conjugal Affection, that I ever met with in Record, either Antient or Modern. The beauteous *Helen* seems to have so great a Similitude in Manners, with many of the *English* Women, that 'twill appear an easy Transition to come down from those *Toasts* of Antiquity, and shew by what Steps and Variations the *British* Ladies have arrived at this excessive Politeness they now enjoy; to make *Feasts*, and sit at the upper end of the Table, seems to have been the utmost Ambition of our *Great-Grandmothers*; they said their Prayers in their Closets, and seldom went to *Churches* and *Play-houses*, and (as we of a more Libertine Age term it) *sparkled* in the *Ring*: The very Thoughts of *Masquerades*, would have put them into a Swoon; and the Sight of *Heidygger*, would have terrified them, as much as one of their *Church-yard Spirits*: To have exposed to every Coxcomb's View, their naked Bosoms, and shew their tassell'd Garters, would have

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been a Sin equal to that of *Witch-craft* : Poor insipid Creatures! they guarded round their swelling Breast with an odious *Ruff*, which their Daughters are so kind to disclose, and good-naturedly hang out the Sign to invite the Gazer in : They never insisted on that wicked Innovation, call'd *Pin-Money*, for they had no other Expences, than what were supplied from the Husband's Purse : To lie in seperate Beds with them, was downright *Atheism* : Their Eyes had not been taught to roll, and were Strangers to those evil Practices used by their Daughters : No Instance then was known, of such shameless Gratifications of Lust, to prefer *N—rt—n*, or *Rod—igo*, to the *Lawful* and *Lovely Lysander* ; no, then the Spindle and the Loom was the Education of Princesses ; no obscene Plays, nor *Loves of Pluto and Proserpine*, were bespoke at the Desire of *several Ladies of Quality* : But now these Virtues of our elder Matrons are exploded, and counted Ill Breeding but to know them ; your *Pin-money* (the Parent of many Ills) at present procures Woman's whole Utensils, *Operas*, *Masquerades*, a *Pew in a Church*, and a *new Gown and Petticoat* : These are indeed the most general Expences in the *Pin-money* Account ; but could we make a Scrutiny into the Conduct and Employment of that Money, we should find considerable Sums embezzel'd for secret Services. But because the Catalogue of the Expences is kept
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with the greatest Privacy, and notwithstanding all the Pains I have taken to inspect them, could never obtain that Favour; I would therefore suggest to my Readers, what I apprehend to be the most modish Articles in that Account.

IMPRIMIS, Paid for my Share in the general Contribution, for the Support of the unfortunate Mr. *Hed—g—r*, 10 *l.* 10 *s.*

PRESENTED *Senesino* with a Ring, for Singing so charmingly in the last new *Opera*, Value 10 *l.* A very unthrifty way of laying out Money on a Man, who has no Power of *entertaining* but by his Voice.

PAID to Mrs. *Screenwell*, the Sum of 5 *l.* 5 *s.* for drinking a Dish of *Tea*, and the *use* of her Appartment.

ITEM, Gave the Maid 10 *s.* 6 *d.* for her extraordinary *Trouble*.

PAID 5 *l.* per *Ann.* for *Almond Paste*, *Wash-balls* being disused by all People of Fashion.

PAID for the *Princely Lotion*.——

PAID *Edmund C—ll*, for good Books, 1 *l.* 5 *s.*

PAID Mrs. *D—d* for sundry *Italian Utensils* 5 *l.* 5 *s.*

THESE Things with many others, which at present do not occur to me, may not improbably be conjectur'd to swell out the *Pin-money* Account of several of our City as well as the
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Court end of the Town Ladies. What boldness then must the Man be indu'd with, who would venture on one of these fashionable *Belles* for his *Household Wife*, and chuse a Mate to go Hand-in-hand through the Difficulties of this Life : For these Gentlewomen I am speaking of, find no other Use generally in a Husband, than to give them an Opportunity of acting their Designs with a better Grace. Nor will he find his Interest in marrying a Lady of a better Fortune than his Estate required, if she is thus *politely Educated* : More Expences than he could possibly imagine in the Simplicity of Celibacy, will crowd in upon him ; besides the never-failing Incumbrance of a *Family Physician*, and a *Family Divine*, many unforeseen Charges will arise, which the married Man alone can tell.

THE *Irish* Society of Fortune-Hunters are said to hold their Monthly-Meetings at a little Hedge Tavern in the Strand, where one Day happening into the Company of some of the Members of that *Honourable Body*, I obtain'd a true Copy of their Votes, Schemes and Designs for the present Year ; which for the Benefit of the Ladies, Trades-People and others, I have here made Publick, viz.

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ORDER'D that the Committee for the *Affair of Heireffes*, do attend Col. *Mac-Blunder*, at his Lodgings to morrow Morning, by nine of the Clock, and then and there in the Hearing of the Family, make such honourable mention of the said Colonel's high *Birth*, *Worth* and other Merit, as may enable him to obtain in Marriage a beautiful young Lady, of a very considerable Fortune.

ORDER'D that *Philip O Finikin*, according to the Prayer of his Petition, have Leave to put himself into deep *Mourning*, as for the Death of some near Relation; and that Care be taken to have it inserted in some of the Publick Newspapers, that he is thereby become possess'd of a very considerable Fortune.

RESOLV'D that *Morrice Mack-Bully*, in Consideration of his having paid in his Contribution Money, be at Liberty, to retire to some of the darkeſt Parts of *England*, as *Oxfordſhire*, *Devonſhire* or *Dorſetſhire*, in queſt of an *Heireſs*; and that he have Leave to aſſume the Dignity of a *Baronet*, until he be poſſeſs'd of a *Fortune*, ſuitable to his Inclinations; then that Honour to revert again to the Society, for their farther Uſe.

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ORDER'D that Notice be given to some of the Drums of the Foot-Guards, to beat at the Lodgings of Mr. O Brazen, as for some Employment bestow'd on him by the Government; the better to enable him to borrow the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, of a Usurer in his Neighbourhood.

COMPLAINT being made that great Numbers of the Members of this Society are detain'd in Custody of the Law, in the Prison of *Newgate*, some only on Suspicion of *Debt*, and others on very *frivolous* and *trifling* Accusations; such as *Rapes*, *Robberies*, *Riots*, *Murders*, *Treasons*, *False-Coinings*, *False-Pollings*, *Forgeries*, *Perjuries*, *Pyracies*, *Sacriledges*, *Bigamies*, *Polygamies*, &c.

ORDER'D that the Keeper of the said Goal of *Newgate*, be summon'd to attend this Board, on *Friday* next, with a List of the Names of the Persons so detain'd in his Custody; to the end proper Measures may be taken for their Relief and Discharge.

A PETITION of *Mary Merry-Tail*, late of the *Hundred of Drury*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Spinster, was presented and read; setting forth, that she the said *Mary*, hath for some Years past, duly paid an Annual Sum to this Society, for a *Safeguard* to protect her in the free Exercise of her *Function*; that she is at present detain'd a Prisoner in *Bridewell*, destitute of all Necessaries; and being restrain'd from her *Business*, must inevitably perish, unless
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aided by this Society, with *Monies* and *Testimonies* to obtain her Enlargement.

ORDER'D that the Committee for *Characters* do repair forthwith to the *proper* Magistrate, and certify for the Birth and Behaviour of the Petitioner; and if it be found necessary, that the Sum of three Shillings and four Pence, be paid unto some *Grenadier*, to swear himself her Husband, lawfully married in the City of *Dublin*; so that the Petitioner may be discharg'd from her Confinement.

A PETITION of *Christopher O Credulous*, Esq; was presented and read, setting forth that he the said *Christopher*, had with great Difficulty, obtain'd the pretended Widow of a Shop-keeper in the City, whose Fortune he did judge would amount to the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds and upwards, for which he had many seeming good Authorities; that being supported out of the Stock of this Society, he proceeded with the utmost Caution; that in a Day or two after his Marriage, he (to his great Grief and Surprise) found his Wife to be of the County of *Kerry*, and was the Day after that, arrested for her Debts, amounting to two Thousand Pounds; and being now detain'd in the Prison of the *Poultry*, prayeth the Society to take his unhappy Case into their serious Consideration.

ORDER'D that the said Petition do lye upon the Table.

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ORDER'D that Captain *Mac-Shamrock* have Leave to assume, use and exercise *Four* several Names, such as his Occasions and Circumstances shall require.

ORDER'D that *Dermot O Kettle*, Footman to the Countess of *Kill-Chairman*, A Member of this Society, have Leave to commence a Suit of Love against Miss *Want-it*, a Six Thousand Pound Fortune; but that he prosecute the same in no other Quality, than that of a Gentleman of five Hundred Pounds *per Ann.* in the North of *England*.

RESOLV'D that it is the Opinion of this Society, that the new Method of *Sealing* feign'd Letters with the Coats and Arms of the Prime Ministers of State, and others of the Principal Nobility; and sending them to Taverns, Coffee-Houses, and other Places of Publick Resort, directed to the Members of this Society, has prov'd a very great and singular Advantage to them; for which the *Projector* deserves the highest Esteem and Favour of this Society.

RESOLV'D that a small Purse be given unto Mistress *Intelligence*, *Manteau-Maker*, by way of Present, as a Gratuity for the many and useful Informations she hath given to this Society, of the Places of Residence, Circumstances, Dispositions, &c. of single Gentlewomen.

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THE Board being inform'd that great Numbers of Young Fellows of the *Growth of Great Britain*, do make it their sole Business to traduce and asperse the Members of this Society, to all the Women of Fortune and Fashion as fall in their Way, to the great Scandal and Reproach of this Society, and the Hindrance of their Schemes and Designs.

RESOLV'D that the Committee of *Blood-and-Ounds* be immediately arm'd with a Commission of *Fire and Sword*, to chastise this insolent Behaviour, to the End those evil Practices may be prevented for the future.

ORDER'D that Leave be given to the *Lord Viscount O Shamster*, to marry a Number of Wives, not exceeding Six; that he may be thereby render'd capable of discharging his just Debts.

ORDER'D that Leave be given to Captain *Patrick Hallaloe*, to change the Place of his *Nativity*, from the County of *Tipperary*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, to the County of *Berks*, in the Kingdom of *England*, for sundry Reasons to himself best known.

A PETITION of Sir *James O Vapour*, Knt. was presented to the Board and read, praying that the Persons occasionally employ'd by this Society, as *Noblemen's* and *Gentlemen's* Footmen, may in their proper Liveries be dispatch'd to his Lodgings, in his *Absence*; and there leave Messages to the Effects following, viz. that the Earl of *Hackney* prays the *Felicity of a*

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Visit from Sir James; That Lord Lubber must by all Means see him that Evening, at White's, on some Affairs of the last Importance; That Sir Leonard Logger-Head will wait on him on the Morrow, to pay him the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds; That the Lady Lay-Cock gives him her Congratulation on the carrying of his Cause in Chancery; by which Means the Petitioner will be supported in the Prosecution of an Adventure, which in great Probability will turn to the Account of Two Thousand Pounds; Four Hundred Pounds whereof, in case of Success, he promiseth to pay into the Society's Treasury for their Use.

ORDER'D that Sir *James O Vapour*, be assisted with the *Agents* and *Footmen* of this Society, according to the Prayer of his Petition.

A PETITION of *Michael Mac-Taudry*, of *Monmouth-Street* Salesman, was presented and read, praying he may be re-imburs'd the several Sums of Money he hath expended for *Sutes*, *Swords*, and other *Necessaries*, deliver'd from *November 1721* to *November 1727*. for the Use of this Society.

ORDER'D that the said Petition be referr'd to the Consideration of the Committee appointed to *borrow Monies* and *beat Bailiffs*; that they do enquire into the Allegations of the same, and report them with their Opinion thereupon to the Society on *Doomsday* next, at *Eleven* in the Forenoon.

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THE Board being acquainted that Captain *Smell-Blood* attended at the Door with a drawn Sword, in order to prove he had slain a *Taylor* within the *Verge of the Law*, he was call'd in and examined at the Table, and the Case appearing to be true, he was ordered to withdraw.

A MOTION being made, and the Question being put that Captain *Smell-Blood* having FELL'D HIS MAN, is thereby become entituled to the *Honours* due on such Occasions: It pass'd in the Negative, the Deceas'd being but a *Taylor*.

RESOLV'D that in Order to support *David In-Debted*, *Patrick Fitz-Fire*, and *Peter Fitz-Fury*, Esqs; Members of this Society: Leave be given them to assume the Characters of *Gentlemen of the Army*, or *Students in the Inns of Court*; and that *Michael Mac-Taudry*, of *Monmouth-Street*, the Society's *Taylor*, do forthwith equip them with *Necessaries* fuitable thereunto.

Vera Copia.

Shadrech O Shim-sham Secret.

Nor far from this Tavern stands *Exeter-Exchange*, a Place which is said formerly to have furnish'd the Men of Quality with most of their *Mistresses*; but a tolerable Face having not been visible here for many Years past,

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past, that *Trade* is removed mostly to *Tavistock-Street*, and the chief Apartments converted to more *serious* and *solemn Uses*. The Worshipful Company of *Carcass-Catchers*, good Men! how cheerfully do they pay the *last Duties* to their Fellow Creatures; what Pains, what Care and Expences do they not undergo to perform the melancholy Office. As we must all at one Time or other submit to that awful Necessity of Nature, *Death*: So I believe every Corpse above Ground will desire as decent an Interment as its Circumstances will admit of; but the extravagant Pride of some People, in going to their Graves dress'd in *Lace* and *Velvet*, has greatly enhanc'd the Price of Interment. The *Bills* for ordinary Funerals being of late become so exorbitant, that few trading or middling People can afford to rot at the unreasonable Rates the Undertakers now charge; nor do I see any Remedy for this Evil, their Bills not being so liable as other Peoples to Taxation. A late very covetous Gentleman at *St. James's*, being on his Death-Bed, and hearing the Sum total of a Burial, bequeath'd his *Body* to the *Royal-Society*, to be repositied among their *Rarities*, rather than it should undergo the *Expences* of a Funeral.

I was once at an Annual Club-Feast of some *Undertakers*, which was as sumptuous as any I have met with; and remember that after Dinner, the principal *Toasts* we had were to

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Lead and Velvet, The New Distemper, &c. and one Man more impious than the rest, drank Confusion to the *Peruvian Cortex*, and to all *Alcalyes*, of what Denomination soever. The Healths of certain Physicians I observ'd, went frequently round, as being great *Benefactors* to the Business: But a Gentleman eminently skill'd in the Practice of Physick, was villify'd in a most outrageous Manner, he having, it seems, himdred them of *two very great Jobs*, and was therefore allow'd to be no FRIEND of the *Company's*. But in the Height of all our Merriment, we were greatly disorder'd by a Physician's Footman, who came in express from the *Gravel-Pits*, with the *melancholy* News of some great Lord, (who had been given over by a Dozen Surgeons and Doctors) that had some *unhappy* Symptoms of a *Recovery* appear'd upon him: 'Tis not easy to imagine the Consternation this Accident occasion'd, and it was near a couple of Hours e'er the Company could recover the Surprise and Chagrine it had put them into.

I TAKE the Business of a *Dead-Monger*, to differ but little from that of a *News-Monger*, as depending in a very great Measure upon *early Intelligence*; with which, it seems they are amply supply'd, by the Coachmen and Footmen of the most eminent and practising Physicians, who daily deliver in a Paper call'd the *Sick-List*; containing an Account of the Qualities and
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Maladies of the Persons who fall under their Master's Visitation; together with an Account of the Progress of their respective Diseases. Their Prices are as follow, *viz.*

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| <i>For the News of the first Fit of an Apoplexy.</i> | 00 | 06 |
| <i>For the second Fit, ditto — —</i> | 01 | 06 |
| <i>For the third and last Fit — —</i> | 02 | 06 |
| <i>For a Small-pox, provided the Patient be attended by two or more Physicians</i> | 01 | 06 |
| <i>For a Cold and the Prospect of a Fever</i> | 00 | 04 |
| <i>For the Knocker of a Door tyed up, provided the House goes at the Annual Rent of 20 l.</i> | 00 | 04 |
| <i>For a high Fever, the standing Price all the Town over</i> | 01 | 06 |
| <i>For a D E A T H. ———</i> | 05 | 00 |

If any of these can found the Servants of the sick Person, and learn that Part of the *Will* relating to the *Funeral*, 'tis not at all amiss, but if it proves a *private Interment*, the News is almost too bad to be reported.

THEIR other Correspondents are the *Chairmen*, who by their constant Attendance upon the greater Sort, are very useful Hands. These *Low-heel'd* Gentlemen shall wait as impatiently for the last Gasps of a Person of Quality, as the Heir

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Heir Apparent, or a *Jew* for an Opportunity to debauch his Wife's *Maid*; the *Porter* at the Door no sooner gives out the Word *DEAD*, but these *human Horses* are fled express to all the *burial Offices* in Town, it being the constant Custom for every one of them to pay for the Intelligence, though they *miss the Job*. There are indeed some great Families which keep as constant to their *Flesh-Monger* as to their *Fish-Monger*. In these Cases 'tis common to keep a *Diary* of every one's Health: But if any happen to fail of Appetite for two or three Days, and a Physician or two has been seen at the Door, 'tis enough, all Hands are set to Work, so that a leaden Coffin shall be preparing with the utmost Diligence, while the Person for whom it is intended, shall be sitting very innocently at an Opera; and it has been frequently known, that the compleat Furniture of a Funeral, even the very *Atchievement* has been ready, at least six Months, waiting for the Party's expiring.

PASSING by *Somerſet-Houſe*, upon the first Day of *Term*, I observ'd a Number of People assembled about a *Foot Soldier* and a *Barrister* at Law, who being engaged together in very high Words, I enquired into the occasion of the Dispute, and was informed the Case stood as follows, *viz.* It being Execution Day at *Tyburn*, and the Hackney Coaches mostly imploy'd in transporting the *Butchers* Consorts thither, the

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Lawyer was footing it down to *Westminster*, and happen'd to void his Urine within a Yard or two of the *Soldier's* Post, who had put him under Arrest, on his refusing to pay the Penalty due on such Occasions. The *Barrister* insisted very strenuously on the *Centinel's* producing the Statute in this Case *made and provided*, and cited several *Precedents* and *Authorities* to prove the Lawfulness of p—sing against the Palaces, which he said had been practised in all Ages and Nations, without Interruption, 'till this Time. The *Soldier* declared that the Sum in Question, which was but poor *Six Pence*, was more his Property than the *Coat* on his Back, and instanced several Cases wherein it had been paid by *Lieutenants General*, adding that the Act against Mutiny and Desertion, 'never intended that the Servants of the King and People should be liable to such mean Insults, without a Compensation; and though they were a People placed the last in the Rolls of *Fortune*, they stood the first in the List of *Honour*. The *Barrister* rejoined and *humbly apprehended*, that by the standing Laws of the Kingdom, no Man ought to be fined, or amerced, but in a regular and judicial Way, and fairly offered to *submit it* upon this Issue, That if the *Soldier* would undertake to prove the Offence was not a lawful and necessary Occasion, in which all the free-born Subjects of *England* were to be protected, he would stand convicted. After the Case had
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been thus *pecially argued* for near three Quarters of an Hour, the Mob call'd out for the *Question the Question*, which was stated and put as follows: "Resolv'd that it appears to this
" Assembly, that *Lawrence Litigious*, of the
" Middle Temple, Esq; stands indebted to
" Leonard Lack-shirt, of the third Regiment of
" Guards, Gent. the Sum of Six Pence good
" and lawful Money of *Great Britain*. It pass'd
" in the Affirmative, *Yeas 17, Noes 11*. The
" Lawyer mov'd to *reverse the Judgment*, but
" that was *over-rul'd*; and I remember the
" Man march'd off with the more Uneasiness,
" because he said *It was a d—nd ill Omen to*
" *lose a Cause so early in the Term*".

THE Parishioners of *St. Clement Danes* would fain appear more polite than their Neighbours, by breeding up their Sons, and sometimes even their Daughters to *practise the Law*; but I am sorry to say that this, consider'd as a *Profession*, is attended with Consequences very fatal to Families: For though our *Seats of Justice* are fill'd with Men from whom we may expect all that is equal and just, yet by the *Turns and Managements* of the inferior Practitioners in the Courts, our Approach to them is made so *intricate and expensive*, that they, who are oblig'd to sue for their own in the Common Forms, are frequently *undone*, even though they obtain the *Verdict* in their *Favour*. The Subject of all Conversation this way, especially in Term-time,

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turns upon *Actions, Costs, Damages, Bills, Writs of Inquiry, and Error, Demurrers, Exceptions, Replications, Rejoinders, &c.* Some Years ago an Honest Shopkeeper here, charitably entertained a starving *Attorney* four or five times a Week at his Table; the Ingrate at last brought in a *Bill* upon his kind Benefactor, charging him 3*s.* 4*d.* as an *Attendance* for every Meal he had eaten in his House; and, as I am told, sued and recover'd it, which prov'd the Ruin of the innocent Tradesman, who was forced to go off soon afterward. I have heard it was from this Misfortune came the Proverb, *He has eat me out of House and Home.*

IN one *Michaelmas* Term having some extraordinary Business at the *Royal Exchange*, I was making the best of my way thither on Foot; at *Temple Bar* the People pressing and thronging along, gave me a slight Jostle against a Person I had never seen before; the Man did not complain of any Injury done him, and I passed forward about my Business; but by the Time I had reached to the End of *Wood-street* in *Cheapside*, two Fellows came up to me, and I was arrested in an *Action* of 1000*l.* for an *Assault and Battery*; a *North Country* Solicitor having, it seems, advis'd the Plaintiff to this surprizing Proceeding in so very short a Time.

I WOULD have none of my Readers be surpriz'd, to hear that in this Part of the Town, there resides a little Harlequin Dog, who hath

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a graceful Aspect, a well shap'd Body, and as handsome a Set of Teeth, as any Beau at *George's*; this amiable Animal rents a large House, and hath a good Number of Servants at his *Command*, his Neighbours allow him to be a good Liver; the Creature Eats, Drinks, and wears of the *best*, and behaves much better than a great many High-flyers who pretend, but practice nothing of Religion; for he goes constantly every *Sunday* to Church, having two Servants in handsome Liveries, and a *Gentlewoman* always in his Chariot to attend him thither.

THE young *Templers* and *City-Beaus* to their Immortal Honour, have one Talent for Conversation, I mean the Art of introducing a Green Purse with fifty Guineas in it, into every Dispute, and judiciously chinking them in the Hand, to the utter Confusion of the *destitute* Opponent: This Method is practiced visibly enough every Day, in every Coffee-House about *Fleet-Street*; I therefore recommend it to all my wealthy and dear Pupils, if ever they are in Danger of being beat out of their Argument, that they would only remember to wager their Purse in Defence of it, especially if they suspect the Antagonist's Incapacity; Silence then ensues, and the Victory is sure. I have often (as well as my Brother Authors) submitted to this shameful Defeat.

THERE is nothing so necessary in Conversation as a *Diamond Ring*, tho' most Authors are
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silent about it ; the Art of using it is still more necessary than the Thing it self. A just Extension of the Arm, towards the Clofe of a Period, and thereby a proper Discovery of the *Brilliant* on the little Finger, adds an irresistible Force to every Argument ; and this I believe is a true Reason why the Left-Hand has a greater Share in every Debate, than the Right. Now 'tis a Misfortune to such plain Fellows as my self, who are not bless'd with the Gift of Persuasion by a Diamond, but are only endued with a pair of Ruffles, which are impartially conferr'd on either Hand, that our Reasoning is as unsuccessful as if we had ne'er an Hand at all. My Advice to my Fellow-Sufferers, is (what I take my self) never to extend both Hands at once, in the Warmth of Dispute, upon any Pretence of the Motion's being so very-easy and familiar, or that both are equally qualified for Controversy with Ruffles ; for, besides the Robustness and Violence of the Action, we make it thereby self-evident that we want that great Talent of a Disputant, *a fine Ring* ; therefore my Method is ever to extend only the Right-Hand, and reserve the other in my Bosom, or in a Glove, or under the Table ; which (as I with Pleasure observe) gives the ingenious Antagonists some Perplexity, to discover whether I really want that *Accomplishment* ; or else depending on my own Superiority in the Question, I scorn to bring

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bring forth a decisive Argument to insult their Incapacity.

BUT I who profess my self a Master in the Art of modern Conversation, must by no means suffer my Pupils to be ignorant that there are other Auxilliary Arguments of great Use in Conversation, besides the Triumphant one abovementioned. A Pair of Ruffles were once very successful, but are now grown so common that their Force is lost, unless they are of the lac'd Sort; and here now arises great Disputes among the *Literati* at *Dicks*, and the *Rainbow*, whether the *Mechlin* or *Brussels* be preferable; for my part I have search'd into this Controversy, with all the Care that the Importance of it deserves, and must confess, that in my poor Opinion, the *Brussels* has infinitely the Preference, both in Antiquity and Success; having discover'd by diligent Inspection into antient Copies, that *Cicero* in all his Orations us'd *Brussels* Lace, both for his Bands and Ruffles; tho' at the same Time (for I would not suppress any Truth) it must be own'd, that the Beaus soon after that Age, run into the Use of *Mechlin*: As for my self, I have so much Love for Peace and Uniformity in Dress, that to avoid giving Offence to either Party, I content my self with *plain Cambrick*, and wish that both Parties would be perswaded to lay aside their Prejudices, and sincerely join to promote

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promote the Science of dressing finely, so necessary to *Modern Conversation*.

I COULD say a great deal on the Science of *saying nothing in Conversation*: It would contribute prodigiously to the Repose of publick Places, if these pert, lively, and very familiar Animals the Beaus, were as dumb as the Apes of which they are the Representatives: But on the other Hand, how insolent is that stiff, gloomy-wise, *English* Silence of some of our Town Fops, who will not condescend even to contradict you. I cannot omit one Art which is so successfully practised almost in every Coffee-House in Town, I mean that of staring you out of Countenance. I have known a Fellow conscious of a good Face, and a better Wig, after having meditated on himself in the Glass with great Satisfaction, turn round and stare a young Fellow of some Sense tho' more Modesty, out of the Room.

BUT an Accident that happened one Day in a Coffee-House against *St. Dunstan's Church*, gave me, and many others, much Diversion: An *Irishman* standing to adjust his Perriwig in a Glass, a Porter came and deliver'd him a Paper, which when he had open'd and perus'd, he tos'd into the Fire, waiting the burning of it with some Attention, and then look'd grave and sedulous: A Gentleman present, ask'd him if he had received any ill News? *No*, answers the Beau, 'tis only a Challenge from a Noble Lord,

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Lord, whose Hand Writing I am unwilling should be hereafter produc'd, let the Consequence of the Affair be what it will. In a Moment after, enter'd a little dirty Washer-woman, in a most confounded Passion, loudly complaining of the Injustice he had done her, in firing her *Bill* before he had satisfied the Contents of it.

Ram-Alley, one of the Temple Avenues, is, I'm told, the Night Scene of a great deal of obscure Gallantry, among Serjeants Clerks and Judges Footmen; a Market where *Half-Pence* pass in current Payment, and abundance of dirty Love *ready made* is hung out to Sale, and at reasonable Rates. I remember a *Female Practitioner*, who had undergone a great deal of Bodily Exercise in the *Temple*, being once carried before the late Sir *John Fryer*, when the Prostitute impudently told his Worship, *that had she as much Law in her Head as she had in her Tail, she doubted not making one of the ablest Council in the Kingdom.*

NOTHING is so apt to fling me into the Spleen, as harsh Noises and uncouth Sounds; a Sow-gelder's Horn, or a Poet's repeating his own Verses, never misses to set my Spirit and my Teeth on Edge. Let this warn a little Gentleman with a great Voice, who generally stands with his Back to the Fire in a great Coffee-House near the *Temple*, not to pour any more of his Poetry into my Ear; for it always turns my Stomach, and puts me into a

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most perverse Humour. I know he cannot help it, for by long Observation, I find that as soon as the Heat of a good Coal Fire *inspires his Posteriors*, his Wit and Verses rise forcibly *from below*, and bubble in great Profusion out at his Mouth.

AMBITION and Pride are tragical and merry, according to the Objects which they are employ'd about. Of the mischievous Part I have nothing to say, but a Word or two of the Diverting. When a Man's Vanity is strongly fet upon any one Thing, he commonly grows negligent of every thing else, though of infinite more Worth. Thus, if Dress and Finery are his Study, good Sense and Understanding will be neglected and unpriz'd; and while the Body is very Spruce, the Mind will be an errant Sloven. This perhaps is a very good Reason why most Beaus are Blockheads. On the other Hand, Men who addict themselves wholly to Philosophy and Speculation, are as scandalously wanting in the common and necessary Rules of Life and Action: Their Knowledge makes them Idiots, and while they *ignorantly* despise all the rest of Mankind, all Mankind *knowingly* despise them.

THERE is often great Pride in the Contempt of Pride, and I have known more Conceit and Insolence in a plain *primitive* Coat, than in an embroider'd Suit. The Ladies too have their Topicks of Ambition: Some glory in their

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their Faces, some in their Jellies, and some in their Devotion ; so that before you attack their Hearts, you must narrowly watch their Affections.

I HAVE often spoke with Jest and Contempt of the Levees of the Great ; but as I have lately changed my Thoughts on this matter, I must change my Language too, and confess that there is a great deal in it. Since I have been an Author, I my self have had a Levee, in which I find a sensible Pleasure, and Titillation of Mind ; my Bookseller's 'Prentice, and my Printer's Boy, vulgarly called a *Devil*, are constant in their Attendance upon me every Morning. Their cautious, quiet manner of ascending the Stairs, for fear of molesting my Ears ; the distant Look and Cringe with which they approach me, and the Pains they take to captivate my Good-will, and to shew their own, are all such Instances of their Respect and my Importance, that rather than part with these dutiful Retainers, and these Points of Dignity, I will be an Author as long as I live. For the Instruction of other Great Men, in this weighty Affair of the Levee, I am pleas'd to publish my Method of managing those humble courtly Gentlemen, that compose mine : Sometimes to give them a deep Idea of my Gravity and Attention to study, I do not vouchsafe to see them in a Quarter of an Hour after they are come into my Presence, but keep

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musing or reading, while they stand waiting in great Patience, and in such awful Silence, that their very Breath seems to stand still, in Duty to me : At last I graciously condescend to know that they are there, but before my Eyes have gone half their Journey towards them, these vigilant Courtiers have nailed their very Noses to the Floor, and there remain as crooked as Dolphins, 'till my speaking commands their Resurrection. Sometimes to shew them my wonderful Vivacity and Penetration, I catch the Message out of their Mouths, and repeat the whole of it to them, before they have told the half of it to me ; to this I add an Air of great Activity and Dispatch, to let them see that I can do any thing. At other Times, to shew them that I can practice Indolence and Heaviness, as much as becomes a *Great Man*, on occasion I am prodigious slow in understanding what they say, and make them repeat their Business ten Times over at least ; from hence likewise 'tis hoped they will conceive my Thoughts to be exercis'd in deeper Matters. Now and then, when they are gone from me, I call them back again, purely for the Pleasure of seeing with what Haste and Eagerness they return full speed, to catch my Commands, when I have none for them. When I am in a very good Humour, and would give them an extraordinary Mark of my Grace and Affa-

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Affability, I admit them to stir the Fire, or brush my Stockings; or (when their Hands are clean) to tye on my Turnover: These Acts of Favour, which are the more valuable for being rare, never miss giving them the utmost Encouragement and Alacrity.

I AM led by the Regard which I bear to *good Company*, to divert my Reader with the History of an Entertainment I met with at the House of a Citizen in the Ward of *Farringdon without*, during the late *Christmas-Holydays*. When I went in, I found the Dining-Room full of Women, to every one of whom I made a profound Bow, and was repaid in a whole Circle of Courtesies: Having after some Ceremony taken a Seat among them, we had profound Silence for near half a Minute, notwithstanding the Number of Females present: For my Part, I had fix'd my Eyes upon the Fire, meditating with my self, what I had best to say: While I was in this Study, I could hear one of them whisper to another, *I believe he thinks we smoak Tobacco*; for my Readers must know I had omitted the City Custom, and not kifs'd one of the Ladies. A Hackney Coach stopping at the Door, there issued out of it a smart young Fellow, in a well-powder'd Campaign, a Suit of superfine Cloth, with a pair of lac'd Ruffles at his Wrists: He enter'd the Room, *Box in Hand*, offering his Snuff to every one of the Company, and display'd a
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fine Diamond Ring, by keeping his Left Hand always in Motion, towards his Forehead, and began to be very inquisitive about the Hour of the Day, to give himself an Opportunity of shewing us his Gold Watch; all which he perform'd with awkward Dexterity, but admirable Success, the Women having one and all declar'd themselves loudly in his Favour, by every one offering him their Seat, so that I sat for a Cypher or meer Mum-chance amongst them: This Beau, Shopkeeper or Tradesman in Disguise, had it seems newly married a young Creature with about two or three Hundred Pounds ready Cash, and was just set up within two or three Streets from the Place. He was instantly follow'd by a substantial Citizen on Foot, worth about five thousand Pounds, who had trudg'd it from *Tower Hill*, fenc'd only with a Drab Cloak, against the Inclemency of the Weather. Neighbour *Jobson* was now the only Guest we waited for, and he soon made his Appearance before the Company; a huge Tun-belly'd Fellow, with a large, hairy Mole on his left Cheek, dress'd in a Thickset Frock, cover'd over with Silver Buttons, a short, natural Perriwig, the Knee-bands of his Breeches lac'd with Silver, with a Silver Watch in his Pocket, almost as large as a Pewter Porringer; and on his Fingers as many Gold Rings, as he had been espoused Years to his Help-mate. I
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privately enquir'd if this was not the Keeper of *N—gate*, or of some other Prison? and was answer'd *No*, but that he kept a *Publick House* hard by, and was as staunch a Tory as ever piss'd, and sold a Cup of as humming Liquor as e'er was tip'd over Tongue; and was never known to give a Vote on the wrong Side, tho' many da--n'd rank *Whigs* used his House.

HEARING his Occupation and Character, I ask'd him if he had got the *Craftsman's Journal*: Aye, and *Mist's* too, he said, and hop'd God would give him Grace to take them, and Ald--n P--f--n's Beer in, as long as he liv'd, and kept a House over his Head. Aye marry, says a petticoat Politician, the Craftsman, I think P----- has paid them off this bout, they had better gratified his Wife; what harm would it have been to have made her a Peerefs. I'll assure you, answers a discarded Chamber Maid, I say a Peerefs too, what would the Woman be at? is not she made a Dutchess every Afternoon of her Life: If it isn't so, there are many Lyons in the Tower. At Dinner I propos'd the Health of his Majesty, which occasion'd another profound silence: The Victualler who drank next, toasted to Church and King, and another to the Church and Colonel Rob--n: A Gentlewoman said Billy and Jemmy, she thought would not be amiss, since the former had so warmly espous'd his Cause. A Jolly red fac'd Woman, with a great Wart upon her Nose, said, Was it not a burning Shame that so many
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Thousand Presbyterunts, should be suffer'd to live in a Protestant Country, what wasn't the 30th of January a coming? A little Widdow animadverted very smartly on the *Indignities* that had been offer'd to the *Church*, complaining of the Banishment of the meek and pious Bishop *Att-b-y*, the Pillorying of Parson *B—sse*; and lastly the cutting off of Parson *P—l's* — at the Gallows; *an Action so barbarous, she said, that it ought never to be forgotten, while there was a true Churchwoman in the Nation.*

As soon as we were risen from Table, our great Parliament of Females presently resolv'd themselves into Committees of Two's and Three's all over the Dining-Room; and I perceived that every Party was upon a different Subject. In one Corner there was a learned Gentlewoman, who talked much of Steel-Water, and I think she said something of opening a Vein in the Ankle: Upon casting my Eyes that way, I saw a pale fac'd Girl of Eighteen, listening to her with great Attention. Another knot of them were lamenting in their way, an unhappy young Woman, whose Name I could not hear: *Poor unfortunate Wretch*, crys one, *she fainted away at Church last Sunday.* *Aye*, says a second, *and well she might, she girds herself so strait in her Stays.* *And yet*, answers a third, *she can't hide it neither.* *Hide it*, says a fourth, *that's impossible; why she has been Squeamish this quarters Year, and fainted the other Day, at the sight of a Lobster:* *And yet,*
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let me tell you, says the first, *they say he won't Marry her after all.* Much more was said on this Affair, but all the four happening to talk at one Time, I could not in that Confusion of Tongues, distinguish any other Particulars. A Cabal under the Window, seem'd to be more secret than all the rest, and from them I could only bring away the following Whisper. 'Tis certainly so; he was seen to come out of her Window at two in the Morning, and in half an Hour her Husband came home: But Murder will out one time or other. A cluster of Wives I observ'd, were calling for a Bible, to decide a Dispute they had enter'd into, *whether Minc'd-Pyes or Plumb-Porridge, were the properest Food on Christmas-day.* A devout old Lady argued against Plumb-Porridge, which being a kind of Broth or Jelly, was, she said, *a carnal Repast, apt to stir up Concupiscence, and ill Thoughts, and consequently unfit for that holy Time.* You cannot imagine with what Warmth this abstemious old Woman was answer'd, by a couple of Ladies Thirty Years younger than her self. *What! cry'd they, an unfit Repast for that holy Time! Why, 'tis a Festival Time, in which we ought to be Merry our selves, and endeavour to make those who belong to us so too: For my Part, said one of them, I hope to go to Bed with a chearful and willing Heart, every Night of the Holy-days, and I hope the same of Mr. — here she nam'd her Husband.* The old Woman smiled and shaking her Head, and sighing as if

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Age had been her greatest Grief, was falling into a Discourse about Husbands, Capons, and Marrow-bones; but to my great Sorrow, a call to the Tea Table put a stop to this delightful Controversy. They went into one Parlour to their Tea, and we Men into another Room to our Bottle, over which I was entertain'd with a tedious Repetition, of the Elections of *Common-Council-Men*, and who I thought would carry it for *Chamberlain*, &c. But as even the most engaging Conversation is, when too long, sometimes cloying, having smoak'd my Pipe in due Silence and Attention, I took a Trip to the Ladies. When I made my entrance, the Topic they were on was Religion; in their Sentiments about which they weré terribly divided, and debated with such Agitation and Fervour, that I grew in Pain for the China Cups. But they happily departed from this warm Point, and unanimously fell a back biting their Neighbours, which instantly qualified all their Hear, and heartily reconcil'd them to one another, insomuch, that all the time the Business of Scandal was handling, there was not one dissenting Voice to be heard, in the whole Assembly.

Christ's-Church Parish did formerly afford a Residence to my old Friend *Paul Lorrain*, of pious Memory, who was many Years *Ordinary* of *Newgate*, but he could never attain to the *Chaplainship* of that Prison. What is remarkable of this Gentleman was, that during his Life, he was the

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the Object of almost every Body's Scorn; and I could never hear of above two People who spoke favourably of him, and those were the *Printer* and the *Publisher* of his *Dying Speech* Papers; nay, the very Criminals whom he attended to Execution, were wont to make *wry Faces* at him at the Tree; and one Wretch more harden'd than the rest, made an Attempt upon Mr. *Lorrain's* Pocket just before he was turn'd off. But when the old Gentleman had escap'd to his Grave, he was universally regretted, and particularly by his most inveterate Enemies, who then had recourse to the old Proverb, *When the old one's gone, &c.* I knew that Mr. *Lorrain* drew the Malice of many Thousands upon him, because he could never be brought to join in Opinion with many other Clergymen, and Clergywomen, that the Murder of King *Charles* the First, could never be sufficiently atoned for, but by a general Massacre of the Dissenters: And though the poor Man has many times been in Danger of having his Brains knock'd out by his Orthodox Neighbours of *Newgate-Market* for it, he was never able to overcome this *Weakness*.

As I am now got so near to *Little-Britain*, I must beg leave to inform the Inhabitants, that the same is a Part of his Majesty's Dominions, because *certain* of them do now and then act as if they were of another Opinion.

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Hackney-Coachmen, Porters, and all sorts of Handicrafts abound in *Cripplegate* Parish; 'tis customary for a *Blacksmith* there, after he has given himself a harder Exercise at his *Forge* for six Days together, than a *Galley-slave* has had at his *Oar* for a *Month*, to divert himself on the *Sunday* with a *Serious Walk*, perhaps as far as *Reading* or *Rocheſter*, to taſte a Mug of ſpecial *Two-penny*, and return the ſame Day in order to repeat his Labour the next; while other hail *Mechanicks* of both Sexes (whoſe Garments are under *Date* and *Tribulation*) more religiously keep their Beds, as remembering the Sabbath was appointed for a Day of *Reſt*.

THE memorable Pamphlet, call'd *The Benefit of Farting*, was written (as I'm inform'd) by an *Haberdaſher* of *Pork* and *Peaſe*, in *Fore-ſtreet*. Neither is this Pariſh leſs noted for producing other *learned* and *eminent* People, as *Aſtologers* and *Phyſicians*; though I have heard of ſuch Practices and Experiments exercis'd by the latter, on the Inhabitants, as would be juſtifiable in no other *Hall*, but that of the *Apothecaries*.

WE ſay, that when Nature is deficient in one Part, ſhe makes amends in another, and the Obſervation is no where ſo true, as in the *Beggars* of this Pariſh; for when ſhe ſends a Creature from the Womb *Leg-leſs*, and of conſequence a Dependant upon the next *Turner's Shop* for Deputy-Supporters, ſhe ever ſupplies him

him with much *Brawn* for a natural *Cushion*, as knowing him more inclinable to the *Sedentary* than the *Peripatetick* Philosophy. If she puts out his *Eyes*, she enlarges the Sense of *Feeling*, and makes him an acute Distinguisher between *Brass* and *Silver*. If she chops off his *Arms*, she in return stretches the *Wind-pipe*, dilates the *Thorax*, and makes him capable of talking longer, and more to the purpose than a *Female Scold*: For what says the honest *Beggar* upon his *Truss* of *Straw* in *Moor-fields*, of the *Passengers*? *I will have some of their Money without stirring one Foot from this Spot of Earth*. Accordingly he tunes his Voice, raises his Pipe to a *Pitty-drawing* Pitch, and a Shower of Copper falls into his Lap, which he converts at the next *Brandy-shop*, into true *Sterling*.

FASTING has been practised by holy Men of old, as a means to recommend their Prayers and themselves to the Acceptance of Heaven. All Churches have come into the Use of it, either at stated Times, or occasionally: But now a days, though the Name remains, the thing is much laid aside; and on *Wednesdays* and *Fridays*, Beef, Mutton, and Poultry, are in as good repute as at other Times: There are indeed some, who with the help of a Quart of Chocolate, or a large Piece of Bread and Butter in the Morning, are now and then piously dispos'd to fast 'till the Evening; then by eating a double Meal, beg Pardon of their
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Appetite for their Godliness, and sacrifice to their Belly, for having sinned against it. In short, this Generation, whether they have consulted carnal Reason, or the Example of their Teachers, I cannot tell, seem to be of Opinion, that God Almighty can have no Pleasure in beholding his Creatures ill-favour'd and hide-bound; and it must be own'd, that his Ministers in every Country, keep themselves so plump, and in such good Case, as if they placed but little Devotion in the Griping of the Guts.

AFTER all, I must confess, that *eating* is a help to good Humour: I know a certain *Ald——n*, in the City, who from his first getting up in a Morning, makes it his constant Employment to scold at his Family, 'till he sits down to Dinner, and then the first Mouthful of Pudding calms his fretful Heart, and makes him pleased with all the World: He is particularly fond of Beef, which he calls Protestant Victuals, and ascribes the Glorious Victories of *la Hogue* and *Hochstedt* to it; and says, there is Religion and Liberty in an *English* Sir-loin: But Foreign Cookery is like the *Latin* Mass, and wishes that Soups and Ragouts were out of Fashion, for that they favour strongly of Popery and wooden Shoes; *Let us* (says this honest Protestant Magistrate) *in the Name of Liberty and full Bellies, stick to Beef and Pudding, and our faithful Allies the Dutch, and then I'll insure*

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insure Church and State for half a Crown. A Sunday's Dinner with the meaner Sort of the Citizens, is the grand Business of that Day; for though they are always swearing and pretending Reverence to the Church, yet the going to it, is with them of nothing.

THE *Dissenters* too, are much degenerated from their former way of keeping the *Sabbath*; I can remember when a Mouth durst not to have open'd on that Day without a Text of Scripture, or a Prayer; nay, every Feature in the Face, and every Bone in the Body, must have kept holy the *Seventh Day*. To have refresh'd the Joints with a Walk, or the Countenance with a Smile, would have been as bad as Murder or Sacrilege, it would have been prophaning the Day, and closing with the Temptation of the Devil: But now, alafs, the Case is quite otherwise with too many of them, who can prefer *Sadler's-Wells*, to *Salter's-Hall*, and a *Bottle* to the *Bible*.

MRS. *Ginger*, near the *Exchange*, is a very fond Wife, but very apt not to sleep a Nights, and to wonder that her Husband will not keep himself awake, and divert her, but the *Common-council-man* is not always in the *Humour*: However, Madam does not fail, by several *Arts and Motions*, to interrupt his Quiet and snoaring; but he being in years, loves *Rest* better than he should do, and to obtain it is grown cunning and spiteful; for when he would avoid these
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Nocturnal Hints and Persecutions, he always picks a Quarrel with his Wife's Parrot, and one cross Word to that Favourite Fowl, is sure to entitle him to sleep in *Laziness* for a Fortnight together. In the beginning of *May* last, the politick old Fellow had a mind to live a single Life for some time, and to promote it, said to Madam one Day, as she was discoursing to Poll, *Damn your Parrot, she's as hoarse as a Ratten*. It was enough! the Man has had his Bed to himself ever since. But I am told, that towards the *Dog-days* he'll go near to be reconciled to his Wife and the Parrot.

I have not yet taken Notice of the numerous Band of *Petticoat-Penfishers*, who are at this time in the City, begetting Merchants and Shopkeepers. I can no longer forbear acquainting my sober Friends the Citizens, that they often pay extravagant Wages to Journey-men that never stood behind their Counters, nor set Foot within their Warehouses. They may think it hard to pay an honest Porter half a Crown, to lug about a brown Musquet for them when the Trained Bands march; But let me tell them, they give a much greater Gratuity to a certain sort of *Swissers* that come from *St. James's*, and the *Inns of Court*, and carry *Arms* in their stead on another Occasion.

HERE is a certain Lady I know this Way, that labours to seem chaste, and the Appearance of Modesty costs her great Pains; if you look at her

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her she frowns, as though she thought the Glance of your Eye the Prelude to a Rape; and if you but touch her Hand, though to help her to her Coach, or over a Channel, she starts from you, and rebukes you with a strangeness of Aspect, as if you carried Temptation and Unchastity on your Fingers ends. When you mention a pair of Stockings, she shifts herself in her Seat; and at the Name of a Petticoat she leaves the Room: But with all this Shyness, Frost and Virtue, which are inseparable from her at Home and at Visits, Col. Strong-back, when he meets her at her *Milliner's* in *Leaden-hall-street*, finds her as ready to strip at Noon-day, as a *Guardian* is to cheat his *Ward*, or a *Bride* to be put to *Bed*. Her Husband, who is an honest tippling Cit, but never serv'd an Apprenticeship to Wit or Plotting, cries, that his Wife is so damn'd rigid to every thing which wears a Beard, that he cannot humour his Curiosity, by tasting the Pleasure or Pain of Jealousy. At this Madam grunts and shakes her Head, and reproves him for his *beastly Talk*; adding, that were he married to some *vile Woman*, he would soon be cur'd of his Longing. Hereupon, the quiet *Christian* tells her with a Kiss, that she's a *little Fool*, and knows nothing but Ignorance and Virtue.

THE unsufferable Behaviour of our City Apprentices is (it may be hop'd) come to its height, their Measure of Impudence may be said to be

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quite full: For such an amazing Change, is there upon the Face of Things in this City, that one would almost think there were no such People as Apprentices or hired Servants in Being.

It is within the Memory of Man, that all the Apprentices of Merchants, Lawyers and Mechanicks, as well in *London* as in other Places, submitted to the most servile Employments of the Families that entertain'd them, such as the *Young Gentry*, their Successors in the same Station, scorn'd so much as the Name of now. They clean'd their own and their Master's Shoes, brought Water into the Houses from the Conduits in the Streets, which they carried on their Shoulders, in long Vessels call'd Tankards; they waited at Table on their Masters, wore Bands, and had the fore-part of their Heads crop'd or shorn, according to the Method observ'd at this Time in the *Blue-Coat Hospital*. It was the Custom of those Days, for the Master of an Handicraft Trade to be follow'd to Church on a *Sunday* by all his Household, the Apprentices arm'd with their Bibles and Prayer-Books closing the Procession; a Sight and Practice well becoming a Protestant City. Then might a Poet as soon be catch'd with Fifty *Pieces* in his Pocket, as a 'Prentice in a Tippling-House in the Time of Divine Service; no, then on the Lord's Day, the Paths of the Gospel were found more pleasant than those of *Greenwich-Park*, *Hampstead*, and *Islington*.

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BUT behold how the Case is alter'd; for now Apprentices are so very far from stooping to such Things as these, that 'tis very rarely they will condescend to open or shut the Shop Windows, much less to sweep the Shop or Warehouses, but their Masters are obliged to keep Porters and Footmen to wait upon the Apprentices, and do all those Things for them; so far are they now from cleaning their Master's Shoes, that perhaps a Master might have a Pair sent at his Head for proposing such a Question; and I believe, as Times go, there's hardly an Apprentice within the Bills of Mortality, that would care to lie under the *Reproach* of cleaning his own Shoes for Twenty Guineas.

A BOY is now no sooner bound to one of the meanest labouring Trades, but his first Concern is to equip himself after the Example of other Apprentices: He must have to wear on *Sundays* and *Holydays*, a Suit made after the newest Fashion, a fair Perriwig of about three or four Pounds Price; silver Buckles to his Shoes; his Shirts must be of fine Holland, set off with Cambrick Bosoms; and if he thinks fit to desist from wearing Ruffles in the first Year of his Servitude, 'tis look'd upon as a Token of great Modesty and Humility. The Name of a *Free-man of London* having prevail'd so much upon the *Women* in *Wapping* and *Westminster*, that they will do all this, and a great deal more, (though they put themselves to the utmost

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Streights and Difficulties) but their Sons shall, according to the Phrase, *appear like other Folks Children.*

THIS makes them so far from being subjected to their Masters, or to their family Discipline, that they think it hard to have any Enquiry made after them when they go out, and keep oftentimes later Hours than their Masters, and as often are pleas'd to come home in Drink; and nothing is more common than Masters to meet their Men on a *Sunday* mounted on Horseback, or riding in Hackney Coaches, while themselves have been contented to walk on Foot; all which their Masters have scarce the Authority to resent or question them about.

THIS unsufferable Liberty is not so much granted by the Master, as it is assumed by the Apprentices; and if at any time Words happen between them, 'tis very seldom but that the Servant is as high as the Master; and scorning to give an Account of his Excursions, takes it very ill to be examined, and much worse to be restrained. The Effects of which Insolence is, that there are more Apprentices ruin'd by these Liberties, than one would think it was possible could be found in the whole City. All manner of Wickedness are practis'd by them, and as they are generally but Youths, have their Pockets unadvisedly supply'd with Monies by their Relations, and thus assuming Time and Liberty to spend it, they indulge themselves in all sorts of Vices. FOR-

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FORMERLY the levelling of Bawdy-Houses was one of the principal Diversions of the *London* Apprentices, *Shrovetide* being the Season always set a-part for that Service. But I am of Opinion, that if the Records of *Drury-Lane* were to be search'd, it would be found their Practice of late Years has been the Reverse of all this, and that none have been more generous Contributors than they towards their Support and Maintainance.

HISTORY informs us, that in the Times of Popery and Arbitrary Power, the Appearance of a Body of these Boys in the *Palace Yard* at *Westminster*, with a few Mop-staves in their Hands, has occasion'd the passing of some wholesome and beneficial Laws to the Kingdom. Such a Deference did the Legislative Power in those Days pay to the Judgment of the most raw and unexperienc'd Heads in the City. The late Dr. *Sach----* seeing the *Church's Danger*, wisely thought of reviving in the then Set of Youngsters, this publick Spirit of their Ancestors. We all saw what a Number of gallant Youths appear'd on that Occasion in behalf of their *suffering Mother*; and though *Two Estates* of the Realm made shift to stand their Ground a little, yet the *Third* gave way, being terrify'd and over-aw'd by the Menaces of this Multitude; whereupon ensued that remarkable Revolution both in Church and State, in the Year 1710.

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IN the beginning of the Reign of King *George* the first, we may remember that the Doctrines of certain *Divines*, had made the City and Suburbs one continued Scene of Riot and Confusion, when it was confidently asserted, that the Apprentices of *Br--duell* Hospital, went so far as to bind themselves by an Association, not to lay down their Arms, till such time as they had set the *King* upon the Throne of his *Ancestors*; and it was pretty Remarkable, that at the famous Battle of *Salisbury-Court*, their Chief perish'd in the very Enterprize.

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